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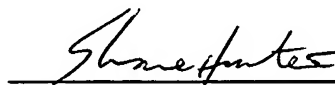
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- ☒ Preliminary Amendment; and
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows before examination.

**In the specification:**

Before "Field of the Invention", please insert the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of U.S. Serial No. 09/406,673, filed on September 27, 1999, entitled OPTIMAL VIDEO DECODER BASED ON MPEG-TYPE STANDARDS, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) to French patent application 99/07443, filed June 11, 1999.